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SUBJ: JOHN TSOUDEROS TAKES OATH AS NEW DEMOCRACY DEPUTY-AT LARGE

1. FORMER DEPUTY AND EX-ALTERNATE MINISTER OF COORDINATION (1965), JOHN TSOUDEROS, TOOK OATH FEBRUARY 11 AS NEW DEMOCRACY DEPUTY-AT-LARGE REPLACING MICHAEL STASSINOPOULOS WHO RESIGNED SEAT DECEMBER 17, 1974 TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC. ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL RELED LAST MONTH THAT DISTRIBUTION OF TWELVE DEPUTIES-AT-LARGE SEATS SHOULD BE ON REINFORCED PROPORTIONAL BASIS (AND NOT STRAIGHT PROPORTIONAL AS ASSERTED BY PASOK LEADER PAPANDREOU) THUS ENSURING THAT STASSINOPOULOS' SEAT SHOULD PASS TO NEXT RANKING NEW DEMOCRACY CANDIDATE, JOHN TSOUDEROS.

2. GREEK PARLIAMENT NOW STANDS AT 298 DEPUTIES WITH RESIGNATION OF SPYROS THEOTOKIS (ND) FROM CORFU ON DECEMBER 14, 1974 (ATHENS 8879) AFTER DISAGREEMENT WITH NEW DEMOCRACY POSITION ON MONARCHY AND DEATH JANUARY 28, 1975 OF DIONYSIOS MANENTIS (ND) FROM KOZANI. ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL IS EXPECTED THIS MONTH TO TURN DOWN APPEALS BY DEFEATED CANDIDATES FOR CONTESTED SEATS INCLUDING MELINA MERCOURI'S FOR PASOK SEAT FROM PIRAEUS AND MICHAEL PAPACONSTANTINOU'S (CU/NF) FOR HIS FORMER SEAT IN KOZANI. THUS BY-ELECTIONS IN SPRING WILL BE REQUIRED

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TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS IN CORFU AND KOZANI.

3. COMMENT: JOHN TSOUDEROS, WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY, IS YOUNGISH, ENERGITIC, AND RESOURCEFUL THINKER ON MAJOR POLICY ISSUES FACING NATION. TSOUDEROS SERVED AS ND CAMPAING HEADQUARTERS MANAGER FOR NOVEMBER 17 PARLIMENTARY ELECTIONS AND MAY NOW PLAY SIMILAR COORDINATION ROLE IN NEW DEMOCRACY'S DISPARATE ASSEMBLAGE OF DEPUTIES. HIS TAKING OF DEPUTY-AT-LARGE SEAT PRESENTS FIRST BROTHER-SISTER COMBINATION IN GREEK PARLIAMENT. VIRGINIA TSOUDEROU HIS SISTER, IS SERVING FIRST TERM AS CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES DEPUTY. KOBISCH

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